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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER
STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE
PREFECTURE OF HOKKAIDO, JAPAN.

1 WHEREAS, due to its multicultural population since the days
2 of the Hawaiian monarchy in the early 20th century, Hawaii
3 maintains a heritage of international participation and cultural
4 sensitivity unparalleled in other states; and
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6 WHEREAS, since 1981, the Legislature has instituted sister
7 state relationships as a means of asserting the State's active
8 participation in international matters; and
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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently maintains 16 sister state
11 relationships, including relationships with four Japan
12 prefectures; and
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14 WHEREAS, Hokkaido is Japan's largest and northernmost
15 prefecture and an important generator of tourism in Hawaii; and
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17 WHEREAS, Hokkaido's well-known wintertime and year-around
18 recreational activities, along with cultural ties, attract many
19 travelers from Hawaii; and
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21 WHEREAS, a relationship between Hawaii and Hokkaido will be
22 highly beneficial in expanding tourism, strengthening cultural
23 bonds, and advancing common goals of international peace and
24 brotherhood; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is
29 requested to authorize the establishment of a sister state
30 relationship, as advised by the Hawaii Sister State Committee,

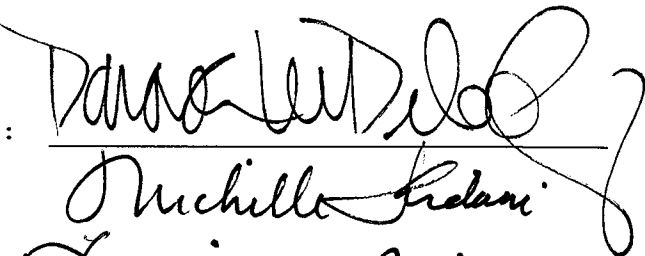
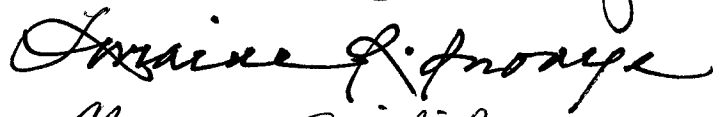


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1 between the State of Hawaii and the Prefecture of Hokkaido,
2 Japan; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
6 Secretary of State; Ambassador of the Embassy of Japan in
7 Washington, D.C.; Governor of the Prefecture of Hokkaido, Japan;
8 Consul General of Japan in Hawaii; Governor of the State of
9 Hawaii; and the Chairperson of the Hawaii Sister State
10 Committee.
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